

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
MISSOULA DIVISION

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK
FOUNDATION and PROPERTY
AND ENVIRONMENTAL
RESEARCH CENTER,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR and U.S. FISH AND
WILDLIFE SERVICE,

Defendants,

and

DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE and
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY,

Defendant-Intervenors.

CV 25-29-BU-DWM

ORDER

The parties having filed their proposed case management plan, (Doc. 36), IT
IS ORDERED that the following schedule shall govern the proceedings in this
case:

Certification of Administrative Record

August 15, 2025

Motion to Amend the Pleadings
or Stay/Remand

September 29, 2025

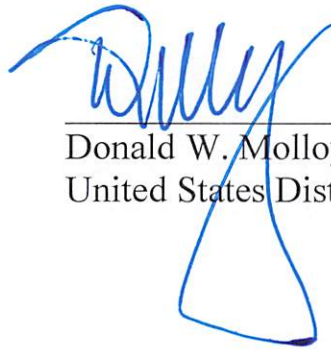
Motion to Complete/Supplement the Administrative Record	October 10, 2025
Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment (8,000 words)	October 31, 2025
Federal Defendants' Combined Cross-Motion and Response (8,000 words)	November 21, 2025
Intervenor-Defendants' Combined Cross-Motion and Response (7,000 words)	December 12, 2025
Plaintiffs' Combined Response and Reply (8,000 words)	January 16, 2026
Federal Defendants' Reply (4,000 words)	January 30, 2026
Defendant-Intervenor's Reply (3,500 words)	February 13, 2026

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a separate statement of facts is not required with the summary judgment motions, abrogating Local Rule 56.1.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any motion to complete/supplement the administrative record, amend the pleadings, or stay/remand the case will be governed by both the word limits and the briefing schedule outlined in Local Rule 7.1. The summary judgment schedule will not be stayed by the filing of any such motion or an amendment of the pleadings, nor will the Court entertain a delay of this schedule on those grounds.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in addition to filing all summary judgment briefs/responses/replies on the electronic docket, the parties are required to contemporaneously submit a thumbdrive containing a digital version of the brief (Word or PDF) with hyperlinks to the record citations.

DATED this 16th day of July, 2025.



Donald W. Molloy, District Judge
United States District Court